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1. At a conference held during October 1950 in Ljubljana between Milovan Djilas, Minister without Portfolio, and the Slovene Central Committee members of the Yugoslav Communist Party the following was reportedly discussed.

2. Djilas stated that Yugoslav leaders are studying plans for a major reorganization of the present Yugoslav economic and political system. They are considering copying the British form of Democratic Socialism, modified to meet local conditions, and based on the Marxist foundation of the Tito regime. Djilas said the labor movement type government is favorably suited to the Yugoslav economy, though the political transition would present a complex problem.

3. A conferee queried Djilas on whether opposition elements would be included in the Government. Djilas replied that much thought had been given is this problem and said that the "need exists for a friendly, loyal, and constructive opposition in the Government."

4. Djilas said he supports the above plans under consideration and Tito and Kardelj share his views.

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   | | Comment: The Tito regime has no intention to depart from its own brand of Communism. The plan allegedly under study by leaders is merely a long range regime stratagem intended to placate both the Yugoslav people and the Western Democracies, deceiving them with a facade Western Socialism.

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